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Strumming in The Music Room

Singer-songwriter Marshall Dane performed at a sold-out house on Saturday, May 6 in Haliburton at the newly minted The Music Room at Castle Antiques. Dane rocked the house with a two-set performance, playing his hit tunes and some cover songs. /ADAM FRISK special to the Echo



County adopts strategy for economic growth

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has clearer direction toward spurring economic development in the region.

Scott Ovell, the county's director of eco-

economic development, presented the final draft of the county's Economic Development Strategy during council's April 26 meeting.

The strategy was developed with the help of Strexer Harrop Consulting Group (SHCG).

"It would basically be our guiding doc-

ument for this term of council," Ovell said.

County council approved \$30,000 in its 2023 operational budget to support the strategy's action items.

Ovell said that, as noted during budget presentations, any projects being proposed that would be funded from this

budget line would first be presented to council for consideration.

SHCG presented a summary of the community engagement findings to council in January and a draft strategy for review and comment in April.

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Home and Cottage show to have 'something for everyone'

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Home and Cottage Show is a familiar name in Haliburton County.

The longstanding, popular, family tradition is gearing up for its 44th year, with new, never-before-seen additions.

With 170 exhibitor booths lining the inside of both the Haliburton Curling Club and the AJ LaRue Arena, new events, and exciting prizes to be won, visitors of all ages can attend from Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4 to cater to their personal interests.

"Plans are underway for one of our most exciting and interesting shows ever," said Haliburton Home and Cottage Show co-director Andy Glecoff. "The show gives our exhibitors a chance to showcase their business to the community, and the show gives our visitors a chance to meet local businesses and be made aware of services available in the community."

The 20,000 square foot show will be a one-stop event with nearly 200 booths housing decor, furniture, appliances, docks, decks, hot tubs, arts, crafts, clothing, gifts, beauty products, cars, trucks, and HVAC, landscaping, construction, real estate, alternate energy professionals, and more.

"The whole show is conducive to home and cottage. There's such an assortment in the show that there are services that can benefit full-time and seasonal residents as well as visitors of the county," Glecoff said.

In such an involved and generous community, it may come as no surprise that the entire show is run by volunteers.

"There's over 150 volunteers that run this show. It's a not-for-profit event, and it supports the community curling programs. We've been very successful with them. Our youth program is outstanding," Glecoff said, listing the names of successful curlers who went on to win provincial and national titles after getting their start at the Haliburton Curling Club.

One of the main features this year will be a first-ever special guest appearance.

Gold medal Canadian Paralympic curler Mark Ideson will be attending the show to meet visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

In addition to businesses, the Home and Cottage Show is providing space for local community service groups.

"There are about 17 in the show right now, and they have a chance to meet with the community and explain what they do," Glecoff said.

Food will be available at the licensed Haliburton Curling Club lounge.



Former Reeve of the Township of Dysart et al Murray Fearrey, now Mayor of the Municipality, cuts the ribbon to open the Highlands Home and Vacation Show (now known as the Home and Cottage Show) in 1977. /FILE

Even four-legged family members can get in on the fun.

Returning by popular demand is the doggy daycare put on by Emily Packer of Tails and Trails and Allison Wells of I Love Your Dog.

Free hearing tests are available from Hear Canada and guests can sit and relax in Utopia's massage chairs.

Don't forget to fill in a ballot at the curling club booth for the chance to win a weekend getaway for two at But-

termilk Falls Resort, a wooden paddle and two rental vouchers from Algonquin Outfitters, or a patio fire pit from Glecoff's Family Store.

Admission is \$3 per adult and free for children. Overflow parking has been arranged with nearby property owners.

Watch for more on the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show in upcoming editions of the *Echo*.

Strategy is a road map to success: Danielsen

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SHCG and county staff received feedback and input and made the requested changes to the document.

"While the county has had tremendous success developing and marketing tourism, the challenging realities of today's economy call for new directions, ideas and approaches to enhance economic growth, attract investment and ensure that opportunity continues to be a significant part of county's quality of life," Ovell wrote in a staff report to council.

The document lays a foundation for identifying development priorities until 2026. The strategy's implementation will foster a vision for economic development in the

county.

It identifies five development avenues: the creation of business by encouraging entrepreneurship; gaps in local products and services can be filled through attracting business; economic sustainability can be achieved with supports for all economic sectors; investment in local workforce development; and the importance of proactive communications.

It helps establish priorities and an action plan with data analysis, public input, and rationale to support recommendations.

Ovell said in his report that the document will be used as a reference for future economic development plans in

Haliburton County.

"The 2023-2026 Economic Development Strategy provides a competitive and focused plan to guide the County of Haliburton's economic development over the next four years and how to best diversify the economy," according to the staff report.

It seems there's still much to be done.

In the coming months, staff will update its 2023 Department Operational Plan to include action items contained within the strategy that will be targeted for implementation this year.

Some tactics within the document are already currently being undertaken by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and will be reflected in the operational plan.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, wrote that the document provides a competitive and focused plan that will guide economic development for the county and townships.

"The strategy is a road map towards ensuring economic success across the county and represents ideas brought forward by residents, businesses, and organizations alike who have shared their priorities during the consultation phase of this project," she said.

"The plan speaks to how we can leverage creative partnerships within the private sector as well as with other key stakeholders who are fundamental partners on a journey of fostering prosperity in our communities and the county as a whole."

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Summer 2023 tourism predictions

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

April 24 to 28 was observed as Tourism Week across Canada. To kick off the week, manager of tourism for Haliburton County, Tracie Bertrand sat down with the *Echo* to discuss the future of tourism in the area, as we move forward in a post-pandemic world.

"I predict domestic travel will continue to drop a little as many Ontarians are wanting to return to their normal travel patterns," she said, "but the same is true of the international traveler; they will want to travel to Canada and particularly Ontario again."

Bertrand shared that a major audience they will be targeting locally are the "visiting friends and relatives" market. Her reasoning behind this, is that they are an engaged and captivated market, and interested in exploring "their own backyard."

While international travel is on the rise yet again, Bertrand predicts that we will be seeing folks from all over the world exploring the Haliburton Highlands in the coming seasons. "Destination Canada research indicates that 2023 will be a boom for international visitors as all restrictions have been lifted," she said. "It is expected that this market may return to pre-pandemic numbers by 2025, and Haliburton Highlands has incredible offerings for this market."

She also believes that the region will see a boom in business travel, group travel, and sports tourism, starting this summer.

With the looming boom in tourism, Bertrand noted that communications with the



Cloud formation over Lake Kashagawigamog. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

community will be the utmost priority for the county tourism department. Based on recent studies collected from the department, less than half the county understands what the tourism department does at a county level. "My goal is to increase that number, and prioritize efforts to ensure that our communities and residents are knowledgeable about the positive impacts the visitor economy has on economic prosperity," she told the *Echo*.

With over 1.4 million visitors coming to the Highlands each year, Bertrand noted that the tourism receipts are approximately \$210 million. She believes these numbers can be sustainably increased over time. Even with international travel on the rise yet again, Bertrand shared that the most strongest markets up to this point have been based out of the GTA,

Ottawa, and Quebec. "We will look to build loyalty with our visitors, encouraging them to stay longer, and plan an additional visit in the upcoming seasons," she said.

Bertrand noted that another type of tourism on the rise is cycle tourism. "Cycle tourists tend to spend about four times more than the traditional visitor," she said. "That cycle tourism demographic fits nicely with the audience that we are focusing on as well." In order to have a streamlined focus with this demographic, Bertrand and her tourism team have updated their website to include GPS bike tours, as well as a series of trails in the area.

While tourism is chugging ahead to try to meet pre-pandemic numbers, the elephant in the room continues to be hous-

ing and jobs. Bertrand shared that she recently attended the Job Fair with the county's director of economic development, Scott Ovell, and was inspired to hear that so many employers are not only paying above minimum wage, but also including housing as a part of their summer employment package. While there are some outside the box ideas around how to get staff over the summer months, Bertrand shared that she recognizes this is an ongoing concern. She mentioned that the tourism stakeholders have also voiced their concerns about a limited workforce, and hope that they will have enough staff for the summer months.

Bertrand and Ovell are mindful of these concerns, and encourage stakeholders to share their challenges with the county, so that decisions can be made around these first-hand experiences.

With summer months starting soon, Bertrand and her team have updated the county tourism site, and have included pages such as summer camps, pet friendly experiences, health and wellness stops, and annual events and festivals. They have also included maps to two new trails: the Round Algonquin Loop, and the Minden Hills Nature Ride. Access to these maps are free via www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com.

Overall, Bertrand is excited to kick off an exciting summer season, and looks forward to exploring new territory in the region. "We are blessed in Haliburton Highlands with fantastic tourism operators, passionate and caring residents and volunteers, a stunning natural destination," she said. "It is the people in the destination that make a difference and add to the visitor experience."

Seniors Day is the last Thursday of each month



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

As of June 1, 2023, emergency services will no longer be available at the HHHS Minden site.

Minden and the surrounding community will be able to access emergency services at the Haliburton site.

Visit www.hhhs.ca for more information.



Local group takes a stand on privatization

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition hosted a privatization referendum press conference on May 4 at the Minden Hospital. The intention of the conference was to kickstart the voting process for the upcoming referendum, and answer any questions folks may have.

"May is all about getting the message out," said Bonnie Roe, one of the organizers of the coalition, noting that online voting started on May 2.

Voting stations have been dispersed at 29 businesses across the county, and all ballots ask one simple question: "Do you want your public hospital services to be privatized to for profit hospitals and clinics?" with options to highlight "yes" or "no" on the ballot.

While online voting has commenced at www.publichospitalvote.ca, Roe emphasized the importance of going into local businesses to vote. "If we're in the streets, it shows we're out there," she said.

At the press conference held on May 4, Roe highlighted a series of concerns that have stemmed from recent provincial government initiatives. These included the points that Ontario spends the lowest amount of money on health care out of any province, and that the provincial government continues to deny the request to withdraw Bill-124, which caps nurses wages.

"Privatization will destroy our public, local health care system," said Roe.

She highlighted that the purpose of the referendum is



Bonnie Roe and Lee McLean prepare to cast their vote for the privatization of healthcare. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

to give the citizens of Ontario a chance to speak out about their opinions on the matter. With the recent announcement of the closure of the Minden ER, this issue is starting to become prevalent at a local level, she said.

Roe noted that she is pleased with the level of support that has been shown from local businesses, as well as volunteers who have helped with signage and getting

the word out. With the official voting taking place on May 26 and 27, she hopes to take all the ballot boxes to Queen's Park in Toronto, to show Ontario Premier Doug Ford what the community has to say about privatizing healthcare.

"This is no longer a slippery slope," said Roe, "this is a total collapse of the system."

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The Speakers Series is excited to welcome a visit from Peter Schleifenbaum to recount, with stunning photographs, his recent travels to some of the most difficult (and dangerous) places on the planet to get into... and get out of. Please join us on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery on County Road 1 at as Mr. Schleifenbaum will describe his excursions to North Korea, Eritrea and El Salvador.

Peter Schleifenbaum is an outstanding, passionate public speaker and a very accomplished, expert photographer. For all of those who haven't been out of the

Highlands for so long due to the virus, and who may also harbour a travel "itch", this will be a wonderful way to see and hear about exotic travel from someone who has been there.

The Speakers Series admission is \$15/person. As is the custom, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local not-for-profit organization. These monthly talks are very well attended. To reserve a seat, please call 705-457-7557 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca.

Submitted by Yours Outdoors



HHOA lake stocking underway

The MNRF helicopter flew to the HHOA Fish Hatchery on Tuesday, May 1 to collect 1,500 Rainbow trout to first deliver to Cedar Lake. They also stocked Monmouth Lake, Sprat Lake, and Kabakwa Lake on the same day with either Lake trout or Rainbow trout. In total, they hope to stock Haliburton County lakes with 28,000 fish in total this year. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



HHOA volunteers assist MNRF staff with filling the tanks in the helicopter with Rainbow trout.



It was a rainy morning for volunteers to assist with filling tanks full of fish to stock lakes in Haliburton County on May 1.

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Life here would be a lot less colourful; we'd be living in monochrome instead of kodachrome. It would be deafeningly silent and bland. Conversation would be less interesting. I think people would be less joyful.

This paper wouldn't exist without art. There wouldn't be words crafted into stories, ads created by designers, or photographs adorning each page. Nearly half, or more, of our subject matter would be gone without art, too.

Truly, not only do I think our joy comes from art, but I also think art is at the heart of everything we do and everything we love most.

And how fortunate are we to have an abundant and thriving arts community?

While attending the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition last week, I felt so inspired and more connected to the community because of it.

The more you're aware of something, the more you see it around you. I believe this is called frequency illusion.

So now that the arts are on my mind, my thoughts about artistic presence in the county are snowballing.

There are 320 members of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, and there are many, many more artists in addition to that number in the area.

Perhaps its the landscape around us; the physical version of a Tom Thompson painting.

People come from far and wide to see the sparkling lakes, rugged Canadian shield, and towering trees here, but they also come for the art.

Haliburton School of Art + Design has 224 courses offered this year.

Renowned artists come here to teach their practice to other artists from here and from away. Renowned artists *live* here to create, teach, and learn.

The Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands has been running for 36 years. New artists join nearly every year.

Highlands East has a wonderful studio tour, too.

While working as a reporter last summer, I got to meet some of the most interesting and remarkable people. I'll never forget hearing their stories and learning where their inspiration comes from.

Some are long-time world-travelers, who are now making a home here, in our little corner. How neat is that?

Now, that's only covering a portion of the visual arts community.

Incredible photographers reside here, too.

Two of them, Adam Frisk and Tim Yano, even take photos for us. They attend events around the county so that we can share their beautiful photos in print. Again, how lucky?

Last weekend, I stopped in at Master's Book Store for an event

where local authors gathered to share excerpts from their written art.

And it still doesn't stop at amazing authors.

There is some kind of live music event happening here every week. Sometimes, everyday.

Castle Antiques just opened the Music Room and had their first concert there on Saturday.

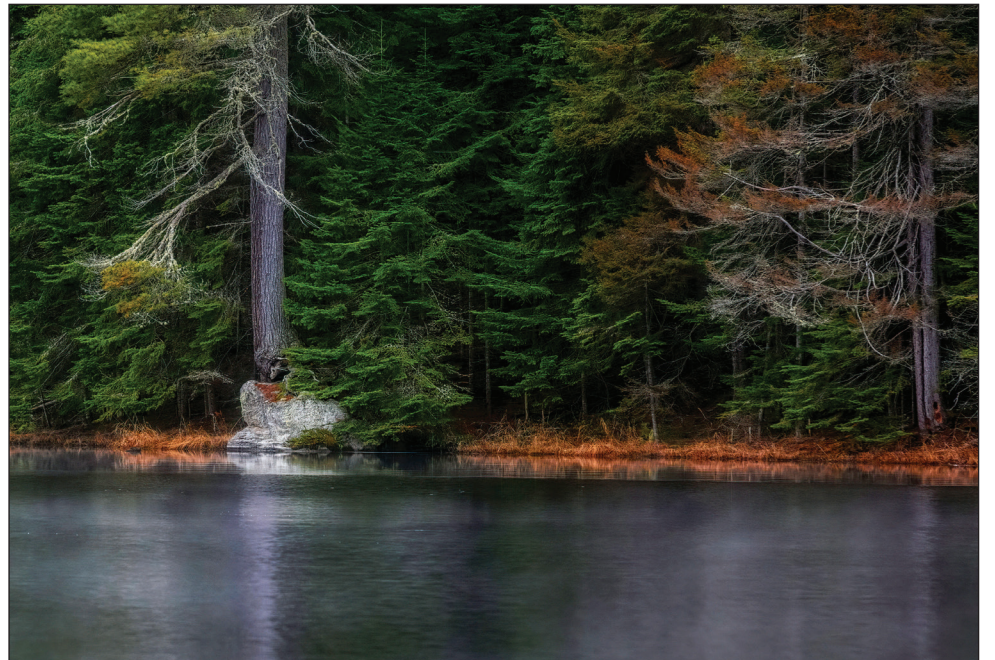
The Haliburton County Folk Society always has new events on the horizon. Music in the Park will be starting up so soon. There is a ukulele group, orchestras, bands, jam sessions, drum circles, and on the list goes.

Reconizing all of this is frequency illusion, absolutely. The arts community has always been there, but to stop and think about it? What a remarkable arts community it is.



vivian collings

Editorial



Fog rises from a lake on a rainy day. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Hands

I AM NOT sure where this article is going. But I keep on writing.

I was sitting in a cafe this morning and watched as a young woman walked past holding the hand of a wee toddler who looked to be about two years old.

The little girl looked so happy and proud of herself as she strutted along wearing her bright pink sunglasses. Her arm was fully extended up as she reached her hand to hold the hand of her mom or caregiver.

I found it so moving. The simple act of holding hands. It says so much. I remember how lovely it felt to walk with my daughter, holding hands, when she was little.

Her warm, tiny hand connected to mine; the love, trust and care that we both felt.

I still love it when my husband reaches out and holds my hand

when we are out on a date. Dave Gunning sings two songs about hands that I love. One is called *These Hands*, and it considers some of the things people can do with their hands: write songs, deliver babies, comfort someone crying, bless a million people and help deliver the world from evil.

His other song called *Hard Working Hands* talks about men who built boats on the East Coast, and in the chorus, he says, "If you want to tell the kind of man I am, take a look at these hard working hands."

I have two friends who photograph the hands of their friends and family, young and old. They capture the stories of the hands. And last weekend I attended the

Highlands Festival Singers Concert.

The show was uplifting. The second half began with a song about our hands and helping each other.

In the practice of Qigong, we talk about the hands being an extension of our heart. We give and receive with our hands and express our creativity with our hands.

As I watched the little girl walk by, I found myself thinking about how we all come into the world wanting to be connected. To hold

hands. To belong. We start like this girl, wanting to be part of a community. To feel loved and cared for. To be fed, feel safe and have a home and to be healthy.

I don't think we ever lose that desire. We feel loved when we are helped, and good when we are the helper.

Lots of research shows that we feel happy when we

are giving and helping, hence the incredible volunteer efforts that go into making our community a vibrant place to live. And there are times in our lives when we are able to be on the giving end of things, and other times when we need help.

We need someone to hold our hand and help us. There are many challenges facing our society today and a lot of work to be done in many sectors.

We each have to remember that all of us can help in our own way. If we have a lot we can give a lot. If we have a little we can give a little. It all helps strengthen our community and our planet.

We all have the ability to hold someone's hand.

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Breaking it down

LAST WEEK, we bought a Food Cycler from the County. The Food Cycler, for those who do not know, is a machine that uses agitation, heat and other sorts of voodoo to transform food scraps and leftovers into what is called a nutrient-rich soil amendment that you can place in your garden so that the deer get better food. The point is to reduce food waste we take to our landfill sites.

I will admit that getting one of these gizmos was not my idea. But after a conversation or two with Jenn I came around.

"So this thing will completely break down food scraps?" I asked.

"Yes," she said, "It can handle vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, coffee grinds, tea bags, eggs and eggshells, avocado pits, shellfish, beans, seeds, legumes and more. It breaks them down by 90 per cent into a dry unrecognizable, odour-free form."

"Will it break down kale and tofu too?" I queried.

"Yes," she said. "Why do you ask?"

"Never mind," I replied. "Just get one."

Frankly, the machine works like a charm. You place a bin full of food scraps in it and four hours later you have a small amount of what looks like burnt, dried sea weed at the bottom.

Frankly, it reminds me of my cooking.

But there's another side to it. For instance, just owning the machine forced us to confront

the important questions too. Like how exciting is my life when I find myself eagerly awaiting the opening of this machine to see how it broke down today's food waste? And why isn't there anything good on Netflix?

The first time we operated the machine, both Jenn and I were like giddy school kids. We were barely able to contain our excitement when the machine's four hour cycle came to an end.

"This ought to be good," she said, just as she was about to open the lid.

"Is it weird that I can hardly wait to see what it did to the avocado pit," I replied.

"Not at all," she said.

She was, of course, wrong. I know that now.

Surprisingly, the excitement soon wore off – at least for me. In fact, after about three cycles, the true implications of owning such a machine began to make themselves clear.

"Hey," Jenn said, with more than a bit of accusation, "did you put that core of the apple you were eating into the Food Cycler?"

"Sorry," I replied. "I forgot. It is in the garbage."

"It's never too late to correct your mistake," she said sternly. "By the way, did you eat all the kale and tofu again? There's none in the fridge."

"Sure," I muttered.

Since then I continue to forget to put my food remnants in the hopper, mostly because old habits die hard.

I would tell you I have been walking on egg shells, but that would only serve as a confession that I also forgot to put them in the Food Cycler. And that kind of transgression is now sternly rebuked in this house. For Jenn has become the recycling police.

We now basically look upon the Food Cycler as a hungry God that must be fed. Sadly, I keep forgetting this and Jenn keeps reminding me that the whole point of it is to reduce food waste. Ironically, she keeps buying kale and tofu.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Gord Peteran's grandfather drives a Model "T" with his grandfather's brother-in-law Jimmy Duff. The year is likely 1929. /Submitted

letters to the editor

Past chairs voice concerns about Minden ER closure

To the Editor,

As past chairs, who have helped guide the development of Haliburton Highlands Health Services since its inception, we strongly disagree with the announcement by the corporation regarding the closure of the Minden Emergency Department.

The action is unconscionable in so many ways and flies in the face of more than two decades of responsible health care developed by the corporation. There are many valid reasons offered in opposition to this decision. The response from the citizens through letters, petitions, signs and demonstrations provide ample indications of the community's support for the continuation of the emergency service in Minden.

After careful investigation and consideration, we offer these observations:

- This decision was taken with a complete lack of transparency. When planning for HHHS was begun over 25 years ago many health delivery scenarios were considered for the county. These discussions, sometimes passionate and often heated, took place at public meetings with extensive coverage in the local press. The community was involved, and when decisions were finalized, while not everyone was content with the outcome, the community moved on. At the time Minden hospital "gave up" its argument to retain in-patient beds, in exchange for the commitment to maintain the full time, fully-funded emergency service and a range of community programs be located in the upper level of the renovated Hyland Crest. The current decision "betrays" this understanding and resurrects community division which we thought had been resolved. This current decision to close the Minden emergency came without consultation with the Minden service area communities most impacted by the action, hence the reaction.

- The timeline for implementation is unreasonably short. Six weeks provides little or no time for careful planning or reasoned community input, resulting in the response referenced above. We can't help but wonder, was this decision deliberately and secretly taken in the hope that, combined with short notice, it would just slide

through? The decision has already disrupted the smooth operation of the Minden site. Emergency room doctors and staff have begun looking for other places to work after June 1 even though a full roster of medical professionals through September is in place.

- There is no plan. Other than vague descriptions of amalgamation of services in one locale, there is a disheartening lack of foresight being offered to support the decision. Health care has many complex activities that must be considered when making major changes like the one being proposed. Where is the plan? Consultation after fact is not in fact consultation.

- What about the professional staff? The biggest portion of the health care budget is dedicated to individuals with specialized training. We are aware that there are staffing shortages that complicate the task at hand. We are also aware that, for the most part the Minden Emergency Department had been able to maintain the level of staffing to deliver services through recent years when the pandemic put maximum stress on the system. Why is this successful service being discontinued when it has demonstrated its resiliency and dedication to providing health care to the community?

These are just some of our concerns. There are many others being addressed by medical staff, politicians and the community at large.

We recommend the HHHS board act immediately to deal with this crisis.

Cancel the permanent closure of the Minden Emergency.

Strengthen the delivery of health care for the Highlands, particularly emergency care.

Focus on the partially completed master plan and get it done.

Encourage the involvement of the citizens, municipal, provincial and federal governments and the participation of the Ontario Health Team in the development of a robust system that meets the needs of all of the community HHHS was created to serve.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Anthon, Dave Bonham, Jack Brezina,
Paul Heffer and Hugh Nichol

letters to the editor

A community letter from Minden ED physicians

To the Minden Community,

As physicians of the Minden emergency department, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and support to the wonderful community we have had the privilege of serving for the past 28 years. It has been an honour to provide emergency medical care to you, our adopted neighbours, friends, and community members during some of your most vulnerable moments.

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that the decision to close the Minden ED was not ours to make. Despite our best efforts and unwavering commitment to the community, circumstances beyond our control have led to this challenging decision by Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Our group was informed of this decision a few hours prior to the public media releases on April 20, 2023.

This emergency department has been a strong and steady presence in many emergency physicians' careers. The physicians of the Minden ED feel a special attachment to the staff and community. Since the news became public, we have heard from past physicians who have reached out to us to convey their appreciation to your community for the time they were able to serve and provide emergency medical services here.

In 1995, when Dr. David Fiddler heard that the ED was potentially closing due to a shortage of physicians, he recruited his brother Dr. Doug Fiddler to find other emer-

gency physicians from community hospitals to support the Minden ED. The plan was to keep it open for three months while the community found more physicians. That was 27 years ago. The brothers, as many have come to know them, were mainstays in the ED and the community knew them well.

Over time, emergency physicians were selectively recruited to work here. At one point, there were four heads of emergency medicine working in the Minden ER. We took pride in knowing we were able to provide continuous physician coverage, without any gaps, over these years. Support from Health Force Ontario was not required until April 2023. Health Force Ontario is a government-funded job board to help get physicians where they are needed in Ontario. These physicians typically have a base hospital they work at and provide coverage to community and rural hospitals at an ad hoc basis.

Prior to the closure being announced, our group had coverage until September 2023, with small support required from Health Force Ontario. In the fall, there were physicians who were expected to fill these gaps, bringing us back to full coverage. We have Dr. Bruno Helt to thank, who has recruited and maintained the emergency physician group for the past decade.

Please know we have always been deeply committed to ensuring the highest standard of emergency medical care to the community. As HHHS staffing shortages evolved over

the past two years, the Minden physician group became involved in service reduction discussions in November of 2021. We offered our support to various reduction options that involved partial ED closure scenarios, but we were clear that we could not support a full closure scenario for one of the EDs. The Minden ED physicians knew it would be the end of our ability to provide the highest standard of care to you. Over the years, increasing ED volumes have made these shifts more challenging, however a twenty-four-hour shift was still feasible to do so and provided a balance that made the long drive from our home bases acceptable. We told the HHHS Executive and Board in February 2022 we could not provide physician coverage if one of the EDs were going to close, and it is still the case today.

We will continue to work in our home sites and may see you at one of these locations in the future. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful community. Over nearly three decades, it's been our privilege to serve you. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us, for allowing us to serve you, learn from you, and for the memories that will sustain us for years to come.

On behalf of the
Minden Physician Group,
Dennis Fiddler, DO, CCFP (EM)

New sculptures line the streets of downtown Haliburton

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Adorning Haliburton Village, seven new sculptures, created by the talented hands of artists from across the province and beyond, are now in place for those seeking awe and wonder.

The new exhibit is a collection of beauty, with each sculpture telling a unique story using differing techniques and mediums.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest along with the Haliburton BIA launched their seasonal Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition, and have added one new location to the map this year.

Community members were joined by the artists for a guided tour of the fifth-annual exhibit on Wednesday, May 4.

Seven pieces were chosen out of 24 entries by a jury earlier this year.

The tour began at Rails End Gallery which is now the home to *Grow Together*, an aluminum sculpture about social cohabitation, by Eric Tardiff of Gatineau, Quebec.

"We hope for and desire the inclusion of different cultures and social classes in our society. That being said, the project that I propose to you here is intended to be unifying by its purpose and intriguing by its form. The sculpture suggests the inclusion of people around us for a better cohabitation starting with the Me and ending with Them. It is an interactive sculpture where the visitor is invited to pose their figure in the last facial space, the me," Tardiff said in his artist statement.

Tardiff used both French and English within the faces of the sculpture to encompass the integration of two cultures.

"It's always great to have a piece that people can touch," said Laurie Jones, Rails End Gallery curator, mentioning Tardiff's sculpture is the only bilingual piece of the exhibition. "I think that we'll have a lot of people talking about the words that are represented here. Certainly, they provoke some discussion."

The second stop of the tour was to Kristi Chen's rattan reed and steel sculpture, *Orange Bloom*, located at the intersection of Highland Street and York Street.

Chen, originally from Singapore, is now based out of Toronto and is a multi-disciplinary artist.

Orange Bloom was created using traditional weaving techniques along with industrial mediums; steel and brick, all shaped into a form resembling a blooming flower.

"I learned it during the pandemic, it was a weaving process that I studied online, and it was through my father's story actually, because my father came from a village that is known for basket weaving," Chen said. "They use a lot of the baskets to collect the tea leaves.



Jim Blake, Haliburton Sculpture Forest curator, introduces the Downtown Sculpture Exhibition and stands in front of Eric Tardiff's sculpture, *Grow Together*. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

It was a way of surviving there. Unfortunately, my Dad wasn't able to pick it up there because he moved away from that county at such a young age. I just thought it was a really interesting story, and I wanted to pick it up myself and keep our craft tradition in our family alive."

Across Highland Street, Mark Puigmarti's striking forged stainless steel and bronze sculpture, *Aerial*, depicting a heron, points towards the sky at Wind in the Willows spa.

"*Aerial* is an abstract, figurative sculpture that draws on the subjects renewal and hope. I wanted to express something about human hardships by looking towards restoring a way of life. The work consists of a gangly heron, with outstretched wings, about to take flight like a Phoenix," Puigmarti said.

Down the street heading farther into town, Elise Mul-

ler's Cararra marble *Abstract 7* sculpture stands out against the dark siding on Capturing Eden.

It's smoothness "depicts a continuous line that is twisted and intertwined. There is no beginning and no end to this sculpture, much like a Mobius strip," Muller said in her artist statement.

Muller is also a part-time faculty member at Haliburton School of Art + Design and lives in Algonquin Highlands.

After a quick walk across the crosswalk and heading towards Glecoff's Family Store, Carolanne MacLean's bronze human figure sculpture, *Innocence*, can be found looking down at the ground, perhaps contemplating a thought or feeling emotion deeply.

"I realized, I think I'm here as a spokesperson for people," she said. **see ARTISTS page 9**



Kim Collins' sculpture, *Retrieving Courage*, is located outside of the Bank of Montreal.



Kristi Chen created *Orange Bloom*, the sculpture located at the intersection of Highland Street and York Street.

Artists present sculptures during exhibit opening

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ple who are 'too sensitive', for people that have feelings. I noticed after years and years, out of 35 sculptures, most have their head down," MacLean said. "I didn't do that consciously, but I think it's a reflection of something in me."

Just outside of the Bank of Montreal sits a playful, lively sculpture by Kim Collins from Lincoln called *Retrieving Courage*.

Using recycled mixed media, Collins create a sculpture of a black lab wearing the "cone of shame".

"It's the same idea as when we write on plaster casts, the 'get well' wishes, and the whole purpose of this dog is to spread good vibes, spread the positivity," Collins said. "I want him to be a beacon of sun-

shine."

The cone is adorned with positive messages, bright colours, and happy doodles for viewers to stop and enjoy.

"Everyone needs a best friend of sunshine to offer support when life becomes challenging ... My goal is that people interact with the dog by reading the notes on the collar and walk away feeling happier and more courageous," Collins said.

The tour is concluded with one final sculpture outside of the Corner Gallery on Maple Avenue.

Created by Szonja Vucsetics, *Night* is a wooden sculpture carved from a sycamore log and a juniper log. It depicts a sleeping human underneath a blanket beside a campfire.

"This piece was inspired by a dying tree

that was located beside my building in Toronto for years," Vucsetics said. "This year, they finally cut it down, and with the help of my son, I was able to retrieve a piece of it ... The idea behind it was to show the cycle of life and death in nature as inspired by this tree and reflect on the human body and human life as a small microcosm of the universe."

The blanket covering the figure shows stars created with crushed shells, representing the cosmos.

Jim Blake, Haliburton Sculpture Forest curator, thanked the Haliburton BIA and Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for their support.

Their lead sponsors were ACM Designs and the O'Mara group, and each site was hosted and sponsored by various busi-

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"Thank you very much for all the work everybody did behind the scenes to get the sculptures in place," Blake said.

The sculptures will be in place until Oct. 26 and all are available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/downtown-sculptures.



Mark Puigmarti sculpture of a heron, *Aerial*, is located at Wind in the Willows spa.

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Elise Muller explains the process of creating her Carrara marble sculpture, *Abstract 7*, which is located at Capturing Eden. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Szonja Vucsetics wood carving, *Night*, is on display outside of the Corner Gallery on Maple Avenue.



Innocence by Carolanne MacLean is located outside of Glecoff's Family Store.

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HHSS badminton doubles team clear their way to OFSAA

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Editor

Two Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students are fulfilling a four-year dream of heading to an Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) competition before they graduate.

Friends Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner competed together in badminton for the first time this year, and their strong connection on and off the court proved to aid in their success at the COSSA tournament on April 26 in Peterborough.

"I was so excited. This was our last chance at high school to go to OFSAA. I've always wanted to do it and always dreamed of it to just go once," Wilson said.

They joined the Red Hawks badminton team in Grade 9, but the season was cut short due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although they lost to a team for gold at COSSA, they made it to the second place/third place match.

"That one also went to three games. It was another really tough game. We were very evenly matched, and they wanted it just as much as we did," Wilson said.

The Grade 12 Hawks focused on each game in front of them as they made their way through the season, not wanting to get caught up in the potential of making it to OFSAA.

"Our focus was on communication on the court, and just having a positive attitude the whole time and being a team," Wilson said.

Horner added it wasn't until their very last game at COSSA that they began to think about OFSAA.

"We were just taking it game by game," Horner said.

To add to the challenge, the final team they played at COSSA to secure their spot had a different technique from anyone they had played before.

"We usually play front and back, but they were really good at placing [the birdie] far on the sides, so we switched to side to side to see if that would give us a better chance. It didn't work for us, so in the third set, we just decided to play how we knew how to play, do what we knew how to do, and that was how we won," Wilson said.

The win was made even more special with their families in the bleachers, cheering them on and being there to celebrate their success.

"It was nice to share that moment with them," Wilson said. "We'll have a nice big cheering section at OFSAA, too."

Wilson and Horner credited their coaches, Bob Schmidt, Mike Gaffney, and junior coach Jason Morissette with guiding them to success.

The doubles team will compete at OFSAA in Port Hope from May 11 to 13.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 Students Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner placed second at the COSSA badminton tournament, earning them a spot in the OFSAA tournament from May 11 to 13. /VIVIAN COLLINGS



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Red Hawks a growing force in track and field

KAREN GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

A young and determined Red Hawks track team competed in their first formal meet Friday, May 5 at the Bruce Faulds Track Facility in Belleville. The meet was attended by approximately 885 athletes.

Erika Hoare led the team charge in the 2000m Steeplechase, her first time competing in this Open Girls event. Having run the 300m hurdles last year, Hoare was looking to bring together this skill, with her cross-country stamina and proved this was a winning combination. Hoare finished the race in 8:46.93, only two seconds behind the first-place finisher from Napanee. This will set a new Red Hawks record in this event, bettering Ella Stamp's run from last year. Erika also placed third in the Junior Girls 1500m later in the day, with a personal best of 5:23.57.

Novice Boy Evan Backus followed with a first-place finish in the Novice Boys Long Jump, capturing the title with a strong jump of 5.44m. In the 300m hurdles, Backus had a commanding lead, finishing the race a full six seconds ahead of the next competitor in a time of 47.19. Evan rounded out his events with a sixth place finish in the 1500m.

Brother Graham Backus also had three top eight finishes placing eighth in the Long Jump and 200m and seventh in the 400m. The brothers along with Ben McMahon and Josh Scheffee ran for a fourth place finish in the Novice Boys 4x100m Relay.

Scheffee also tried his hand at the 300m hurdles, finishing fifth in this event and made the top eight in the Novice Boys Triple Jump, his first time attempting this in competition.

McMahon made his mark in the Long Jump pit with a third-place jump of 5.07m, leaving Hal High with three top eight finishes in a field of 27 Novice Boy jumpers.

Maddy Walker continued her teammates success in the jumping pits in the Novice Girls division, with a jump of 4.23m landing her in third in a huge field of 52 competitors. Maddy kept on leap-



Olivia Gruppe competes during the Bay of Quinte invitational track and field meet in Belleville on Friday, May 5. /Photo by Kevin Hoare

ing, finishing fifth in the Triple Jump, her first time attempting this event with a jump of 9.04m.

Novice Girl Lilly Casey finished third in

her first high school 80m hurdle race with a competitive time of 15.96 and showed her speed with her 10th place finish in the 100m again in a huge field of 50 runners.

Walker, Casey and teammates Violet Humphries and Olivia Gruppe ran to a fourth-place finish in the Novice Girls 4x100m relay. Humphries also had strong runs in the 1500m and 800m, finishing seventh and eighth respectively in these events.

Jordanna Jennings threw to a third-place finish in the Novice Girls Javelin, landing a throw just under 20m at 19.99m. Jennings also ran a strong leg on the Senior Girls 4x100m relay team as well as the Open Girls 4x400m team.

Brechin Johnston finished seventh in Novice Boys javelin and ran a very competitive 800m.

In Junior Boys, Haiden Bird ran a personal best in the 800m, capturing the title with a time of 2:14.22. Bird also ran to a second-place finish in the 1500m with another personal best time of 4:46.13.

Senior Boy Stephen Howe brought in some strong performances in his first year competing in track as a grade 12 student. Howe finished fourth in the Long Jump and just missed the top eight with a ninth-place run in the 200m.

Senior Girl Liah Gallant brought her experience, speed and power back to the track, looking to build on her success from last year. Liah finished in fourth in the 100m with a time of 13.56 and also ran fourth in the 200m.

Gallant ran with Jordanna Jennings, Erika Hoare and Lily Manning for a fourth-place finish in the Open Girls 4x400m relay at the end of a very long day. Manning was also eighth in the Senior Girls 400m hurdles.

With so many young athletes new to the world of high school track and field, it was a great learning day. The coaches were incredibly impressed with the outstanding effort, results and team support. Novice distance runners Grace Allder and Olivia Gruppe exemplified this as they challenged each other during the final stretches in both the 800m and 1500m, pushing each other to new personal bests in these events.

Athletes will look to make final choices in events this week as they prepare for Kawartha competition on Thursday, May 18.

Recruiting rookies

The Haliburton County Huskies hosted their Rookie Camp on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 to recruit players for their 2023/2024 season. Coaches observed players during on-ice scrimmages and conducted fitness testing at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo





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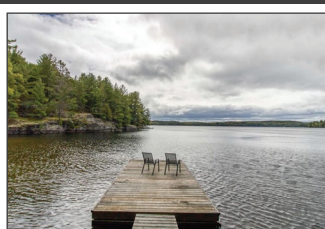
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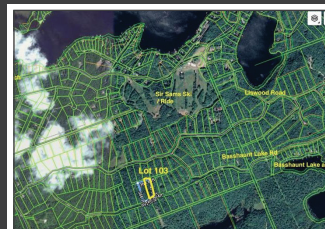
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 - 33. Type of Japanese animation
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 - 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 62. Large body of water
 - 63. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
 - 64. Impudence
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 - 5. Highest parts of something
 - 6. Correct behavior
 - 7. Batty
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 - 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
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 - 29. Winter melon
 - 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
 - 35. Anger
 - 36. Central European river
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 - 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
 - 41. Defunct airline
 - 42. Small island (British)
 - 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
 - 45. Capital of Bangladesh
 - 46. Dutch cheese
 - 47. Imitates
 - 48. A contest of speed
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Prejudice
 - 53. Actor Idris
 - 54. UNLV’s are Runnin’
 - 58. Criticize

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Payroll firm
 - 2. Unit of transmission

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Changes after a month away

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The month away brought several noteworthy changes, both here and in my enforced vacation in Burlington.

While I was there I attended several chorus and choir practices at a Presbyterian Church. Twice Beth drove over from St. Catherines.

Good to see her relatively new apartment and that of Allan’s daughter and Lewis’ apartment and to hear them in a quartet and in a choir at their St George’s Anglican services.

A walk around Brock’s monument in the park there was also a treat, especially

when tulips and newly blossoming trees sprang into green.

Here I missed the going out, but so good to see my beloved view of lake again and be greeted by my daffodils in bloom. Another blessing at home was the pile of mail, not all bills by any means, and read two real letters along with Easter cards.

So sad to hear of Grenville Barry’s loss of his beloved wife Brenda, who had suffered so long with physical ailments. Dear neighbours had taken loving care of my place and my plants. I just have to get used to making my own meals again!

My sisters and a favourite Barrie cousin treated Kathleen to a lunch in town on her actual birthday, and had the fun seeing her open cards and a few gifts here at the house after. Of course we’ll be together at the open house in her honour on May 13. Ninety years deserves a little extra attention.



Jumping in for Head Lake playground

Brandon Nimigon raised \$3,000 for the Head Lake Park playground fundraiser and jumped in Kashagawigamog Lake for the Jump in the Lake fundraising event. Jump in the Lake was started by local real estate agents Dean Michel and Jennifer Bacon, and those involved in the main fundraiser this year raised \$15,000 for the Coboconk Food Bank. /Submitted



Spring cleaning

The Rotary Club of Haliburton completed their first roadside clean-up of the year on Sunday, May 7 and collected garbage along one kilometre of County Road 21. From left, Rotarians Irv Handler, Maureen O’Hara, Heather Phillips, Sue Collings, Andrew Hodgson, and Andy Glecoff stop for a photo. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



High tea at Abbey Gardens

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

The Mother’s Day Tea at Abbey Gardens will be returning for a second year on Saturday, May 13. “We are very excited that there was enough interest in bringing back the Tea this year again,” said Ashley McAllister, director of operations at Abbey Gardens. “Hopefully we will have some returning guests, as well as some new faces.”

Running from 1 until 3 in the afternoon, the outdoor event is held in the heart of the gardens at the facility. The tea is served underneath a large tent, so that weather is not an area of concern. “The props for this event are some of my favourite of the whole year,” said McAllister. “There are dozens of beautiful teapots, tiered serving trays, and of course, lots of flowers. We can’t do Mother’s Day without flowers,” she laughed.

There will also be food served at the event, which is prepared in the Food Hub onsite at Abbey Gardens. McAllister noted that dietary restrictions can be accommodated if they are noted ahead of time. Live music, loose leaf teas, a photobooth, and a take-home gift are all features that will make the day memorable for any mother figures.

Registration is required in advance, so visit www.abbeygardens.ca to reserve a seat.



50 years selling in Haliburton County

John Parish celebrated the milestone of selling real estate in Haliburton County for 50 years on Friday, May 5 at the Remax Professionals North office in Haliburton. He is pictured with Ella Gooley, Jill Gooley, Marj Parish, Jodanne Aggett, Brooke Gooley at the celebration. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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John Parish is pictured with Andrea Strano, Marj Parish, and Jeff Strano at his 50th anniversary of selling real estate celebration. /Submitted

Handling snappers

The Turtle Guardians hosted a “Snapper Handler Workshop” on Thursday, May 4 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. Residents learned some typical truths and myths about snapping turtles before learning how to properly handle the ancient creatures, earning a certificate upon completion of the workshop. /ADAM FRISK special to the Echo



A snapping turtle pictured during the Turtle Guardians’ “Snapper Handler Workshop.”

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE:

May 23, 2023

TIME:

Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION:

Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant:

Emmerson Lumber Limited

Location:

Part of the Road Allowance for George Street, Between Blocks M and Q, Registered Plan No. 1, Town Plot of Haliburton, Geographic Township of Dysart, defined as Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. dated March 21, 2023.

NOTICE IS GIVEN

that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING

the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED

at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of May, 2023.

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Director of Planning and Land Information

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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Major Leonard Roy "Len" Creelman
August 1934 - April 2023

Died peacefully at his beloved Clementsport, NS home "Summertides" which he had shared with his late wife Judy Creelman (nee Wilcox) for the last 20 years. As a young man, Len's career with the Canadian Black Watch (RHR) took the pair to many locations including Nova Scotia, England, and Germany. Their eldest 3 sons (Stephen, Kirk (Anne), and Mark (Shelley)) travelled with them through those years, before the family settled in Haliburton, Ontario and expanded through the addition of 3 more children (Matthew (Tammy), Melissa, and Kristen).

"Settling" after military postings did not mean that life was quiet. Len continued his engineering work in aeronautics, developing the Seawind amphibious aircraft with his brother in the late 70s. Beyond work, the doors and hearts at their home on Pine Street were open to friends from near and far and saw all manner of lively activity. From rehearsing musical performances for the Haliburton Squash Club (with great dedication and fervour) to welcoming Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s; endless hobby shop projects to hosting countless gatherings for birthdays, holidays, and celebrations: everybody who came to the house was treated as family.

Len enjoyed a glass of sherry, crooning along to Marty Robbins, and working out complex solutions to (sometimes simple) problems. He loved his family and friends, worn pine decor, and tinkering in his garage workshop. And he adored Judy. His 88 years were made wonderful through their partnership and sharing of their dreams, sorrows, joys, and their hearts.

Len is fondly remembered by his children, grand- and great-grandchildren, his brother Roger (Dolores), as well as lifelong friends that he kept in contact with over years and distance. A great bellow of "Hello Dear!" began many a phone call and visit; the accompanying hug, pressing the recipient against his shirt pocket full of pencils and eyeglasses, and the chuckle so full of adoration that followed will be sorely missed.

A private memorial will be held for family this summer.

650 OBITUARIES



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Gloria Bird
(Resident of Kingston)

Gloria Irene Bird, 86, passed away April 29th, 2023, at KGH Hospital in Kingston with her son Frank, her daughter-in-law Julie at her side, and her beloved little dog on her lap. Born Gloria Irene MacDonald in Toronto, ON, on September 20th, 1936.

Gloria is survived by her Son Frank Bird and his wife Julie Pelletier of Kingston, ON, and her granddaughters Jamie (Joni Airisto) of Windsor NS, Mackenzie (Joshua Irwin) of Ottawa, ON, and Alex of Montreal, QC.

Gloria loved animals and spending time with her family. Those who knew Gloria knew how generous she was with her time and resources for all her friends, family, and those in need. She was a true animal lover and spent her entire life rescuing and caring for dogs and any wild animal lucky enough to come across her path.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** at 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 11 o'clock for a Funeral Service in the Chapel. (Visitation one hour prior). In keeping with Gloria's spirit of giving, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Gloria's name be made to the Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre in Napanee, ON.

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Golden boys

Hodgson and Duchene win world under-18 championship

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson have acquired a taste for gold.

But at least they don't have to buy it – they just earn it.

The two Haliburtonians were wearing their world hockey championship gold medals when they arrived with the rest of Team Canada at the Toronto airport on Thursday night. While neither of them scored any of the goals in the 8-0 blow out in Tuesday's game against Russia for the under-18 title, both of them played key roles in Canada's first gold-medal win since 2003.

Hodgson, who was born in Haliburton and spends his summers at Haliburton Lake, was team captain and the tournament's top goal scorer. Duchene, who lives in Haliburton, also made the tournament's top 10 list of point-getters.

Any tiredness from the long flight from Russia to Germany to Toronto disappeared as soon as they touched Canadian soil.

As the boys walked through the sliding doors of terminal three's C gate, they were all smiles for the appreciative crowd of family, friends and even a few fans.

"It's unbelievable," said Hodgson when asked how he had been feeling over the past 24 hours.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson bite their newly minted under-18 world hockey gold medals at the Toronto airport on Thursday night. The Haliburton duo played an important role in Team Canada's success.

Highlands East rejects 4Cs' offer of food bank

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Highlands East council has rejected a proposal by the 4Cs to put a thrift shop and food bank in Tory Hill.

The decision was made last Tuesday after a presentation to council by 4Cs Chairman Wayne Cox.

Cox told council that as many as 70 registrants at the Haliburton food bank come from Highlands East, representing one third of all food pick-ups.

A number of food bank recipients come from as far away as Cardiff (a 40-kilometre drive), said Cox, which is why the 4Cs was offering to spend upwards

of \$15,000 to set up a second location in Tory Hill, the geographic centre of Highlands East. (Tory Hill is only 15 kilometres from Cardiff, 10 kilometres from Wilberforce, and 12 kilometres from Gooderham.)

Nevertheless, some councillors felt Tory Hill was an unsuitable location for a food bank since it's not a place that residents gravitate toward for shopping or other needs.

"So what if it's the geographic centre," said Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie. "If it were the geographic centre of the moon would we put it there?"

Mackie felt the service was more needed in Gooderham. He said he also had concerns with

the 4Cs using the Tory Hill Recreation Centre since it's attached to the fire hall and may cause things to get "hairy" in the case of an emergency.

"It makes more sense to put it in Gooderham. They already have the space for it and if there's a fire they don't have to worry about rolling out of there with fire equipment," he said.

However, Cox interjected and said the 4Cs has no intentions of setting up shop anywhere but Tory Hill.

"[Gooderham] is only one corner of the municipality... That's the primary concern," Cox said. "Tory Hill is more in the centre, and people from Highlands East already drive to Haliburton, so

they would be able to get to Tory Hill."

Councillor Gary Stoughton said he "isn't for and isn't against" the proposal, but said it was a "lame excuse" to dismiss Tory Hill just because there isn't much shopping there.

"Let's get back to basics here. It's a good location and the people of Tory Hill, from the letters I got, show that they are supportive of it."

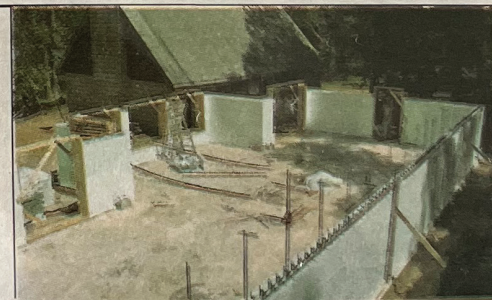
Council received 16 letters from residents supporting the proposal, but there was still concern at the council table that the township might be left in the lurch if the people of Tory Hill didn't as-

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